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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 3

Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 30 EO # 44

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and and update for Ugashik District commercial fishermen. The time of this announcement is 12:00 p.m. and the date is Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

In Egegik: catch from yesterday's opener was 433,000. Through July 1, cumulative harvest is 3.8 million. Escapement on Monday was 8,000 and cumulative escapement is 698,000.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Egegik District with drift gillnets from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2013......a 4 hour period. Commercial fishing with set gillnets will be permitted from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2013...... an 8 hour period.

In Ugashik: Catch from Monday was 183,000. Through July 1 cumulative catch is 1.9 million. Tower counts on July 1 were 10,500 and cumulative escapement is 87,000. The easterly and south easterly winds continue to stir up silt in Lower Ugashik Lake preventing accurate counts. The department considers the escapement counts to date to represent a minimum number. However, we feel we need additional escapement. The Ugashik District will stand down after today's set gillnet period to allow additional escapement. The department will continue to monitor escapement indicators for an increase in passage into the Ugashik River but will not commit to further fishing opportunity for July 3 at this time.

Fishermen in both districts should stand by at 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 3 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.
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